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Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to explain what he means by 'games of skill,' in clause (*a*) of the answer?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "I suppose it means playing of cards and such other things. I have no practical experience of these things."

Creation and permanent retention of the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railway and C.I.D.

*332 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the reasons which necessitated the creation and permanent retention of the post of Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railway and C.I.D.?

A.—On the recommendation of the Police Commission the Criminal Intelligence Department was brought into existence in this Presidency in 1906. It was placed in charge of a Deputy Inspector-General of Police to whom the railway police districts of Trichinopoly and Madras and the Finger Print Bureau were entrusted. With a view to economy, the post of one Range Deputy Inspector-General of Police was abolished in 1924 and a Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C.I.D., was given charge of the districts of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and South Arcot. The C.I.D. was thus in charge of a Deputy Inspector-General who held, in addition, charge of the two railway and three ordinary districts—three widely different duties. This arrangement was found unsatisfactory. The combination of C.I.D. work with ordinary administration resulted in one or the other receiving unequal attention from the Deputy Inspector-General.

The Madras Government therefore decided, with effect from 1st May 1929,—

(i) to relieve the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C.I.D., of all concern with C.I.D., and to designate him as Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Eastern Range and Railways, with charge of the following districts :—
Trichinopoly, Tanjore, South Arcot, Chingleput, Nellore, Madras Railway Police and Trichinopoly Railway Police ;

(ii) to place the C.I.D. comprising the Crime and Special Branches under the control of the Inspector-General of Police assisted by a District Superintendent of Police for each branch.

2. The above changes necessitated the creation of the post of District Superintendent of Police for the Crime Branch. When the Government of India were asked to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State for the creation of this post, they stated that they could hardly regard the proposal to consign the Crime and Special Branches to Superintendents of Police under the nominal control of the Inspector-General of Police as a step in the right direction. Difference in cost between the post of a Deputy Inspector-General of Police and that of a District Superintendent

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of Police being inconsiderable, they considered that as in other Provinces the C.I.D. should be in charge of a Deputy Inspector-General of Police. This Government concurred in the Government of India's views. They also found in practice that the C.I.D. work imposed too great a burden on the Inspector-General of Police who had extensive administrative and disciplinary duties and had to tour extensively. The sanction of the Secretary of State for India was therefore obtained for the creation of an additional post of a Deputy Inspector-General from 1st April 1930 in the place of the District Superintendent of Police originally asked for.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know what is the inconvenience that was felt in the previous arrangement, i.e., combined C.I.D. work and railway administration work?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:— "Loss of efficiency."

Prohibition of the film "Kick up Kishmet" at Tinnevelly.

*333 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the town of Tinnevelly the Golden Cinema Company was exhibiting on the 16th January and for two or three days previously an Indian film called "Kick up Kishmet";

(*b*) whether it is a fact that on the 16th January the District Superintendent of Police sent for Dr. Netto, the agent of the proprietor of the company, and asked him not to exhibit that portion of the film wherein the heroine is seen spinning a charka;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that from the 17th January, the portion of the film above referred to was omitted from being exhibited; and

(*d*) why and under what authority the District Superintendent acted like that?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged police action against some students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

*334 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any students of the St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, submitted petitions to His Excellency the Governor or to the Private Secretary recently in connexion with the alleged police action against them on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor's visit to their college in October 1930; and

(*b*) whether the Government have made inquiries into the circumstances of the alleged incident and, if so, what are the facts of the case?